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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Diana Shaw Acting Inspector General U.S. Department of State Office of Inspector General

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Earlier this week, President Biden signed into law the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Act). This Act provides much needed military and humanitarian relief aid to Ukraine as it fends off Russia's brutal invasion.

However, the Congress was unable to come to a consensus on long-term, effective oversight mechanisms for these relief funds. The taxpayer deserves to know that any tax dollars spent will be used for the purpose of providing relief to Ukraine, and not lost to waste, fraud, and abuse. In particular, the \$8.8 billion Economic Support Fund allows for American taxpayer funds to be contributed directly to the Government of Ukraine and the governments of other affected countries. The American taxpayer expects strict accountability for how those funds will be spent once they leave the Treasury. As you are aware, the Act provided additional funding to the Department of State Office of Inspector General (OIG), intended to enhance OIG's oversight over taxpayer funds appropriated by the Act. Any tax dollar lost to waste, fraud, or abuse is a dollar that cannot be used to effectively fend off the Russian advance on Ukrainian territory, nor can it be used to provide the much needed humanitarian relief that Congress intended. To that end, I write to you today to urge you to prioritize oversight over any relief funds that will be used in support of Ukraine.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important manner. Should you have any questions, contact my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley

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